

AMERICAN STUDIES: PRE-LAW, BS

Degree Requirements

Requirements for Students Matriculating in or before Academic Year 2026-2027. Learn more about University Academic Regulation 3.1 (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#matriculation>).

Minimum Overall Grade Point Average: 2.00

Total Hours: 120

Code	Title	Hours
General Education Requirements		
<i>English Composition</i>		
See Academic Regulation 3.5 (https://catalog.okstate.edu/university-academic-regulations/#english-composition)		
ENGL 1113	Composition I	3
or ENGL 1313	Critical Analysis and Writing I	
Select one of the following:		3
ENGL 1213	Composition II	
ENGL 1413	Critical Analysis and Writing II	
<i>American History & Government</i>		
HIST 1103	Survey of American History	3
or HIST 1483	American History to 1865 (H)	
or HIST 1493	American History Since 1865 (DH)	
POLS 1113	American Government	3
<i>Quantitative Thought & Logical Reasoning (Q)</i>		
MATH or STAT course designated (Q)		3
<i>Understanding Humanities-Human Heritage & Cultures (H)</i>		
Courses designated (H)		6
<i>Reasoning in the Natural Sciences (N)</i>		
Must include one Laboratory-Based Inquiry (L) course		
Courses designated (N)		6
<i>Exploring Society & Human Behavior (S)</i>		
SPCH 2713	Introduction to Speech Communication (S)	3
<i>Diversity (D)</i>		
Courses designated (D)		3
<i>Global Cultural Competency (G)</i>		
Courses designated (G)		3
<i>Additional General Education</i>		
Additional general education credit hours (at least 4 hours) are required to meet the total 40-hour minimum. If courses carry more than one general education designation and can be used to meet multiple minimum general education designation hours above, more than 4 hours of additional general education will be required here to meet the 40-hour minimum.		
Courses designated (Q), (H), (N), (S), (D), (G), or (F).		4
Hours Subtotal		40
College/Departmental Requirements		
UNIV 1111	First Year Seminar (or other approved first year seminar course)	1
<i>Arts & Humanities</i>		

See note 2.a.		3
<i>Natural & Mathematical Sciences</i>		
PHIL 1313	Logic and Critical Thinking (Q)	3
See note 2.b.		6
<i>Foreign Languages</i>		
See note 3.		
0-6 hours		
<i>Upper-Division General Education</i>		
Select 6 hours outside AMST, American History and American Literature		
See note 2.c.		
Hours Subtotal		13
Major Requirements		
Minimum GPA 2.50. Minimum grade of "C" in all AMST upper-division courses. No more than 9 hours in Major Requirements may be taken from 2000-level courses.		
AMST 2103	Introduction to American Studies (DH)	3
AMST 4973	Senior Seminar in American Studies	3
<i>American Studies</i>		
Select 12 hours (9 hours must be upper division) of additional AMST courses from among the following options:		12
AMST 2423	American Popular Culture (H)	
AMST 2473	American Imperial Culture (or HIST 2473)	
AMST 2513	Plantation to Plate: Sugar, Bananas, and Coffee in America (H) (or HIST 2513)	
AMST 2523	Dust Bowl (H) (or HIST 2523)	
AMST 2683	Introduction to Digital Humanities (H)	
AMST 3103	The History and Future of Work (H) (or ENGL 3113)	
AMST 3113	Science, Literature, and Culture (H)	
AMST 3223	Theories and Methods of American Studies	
AMST 3253	Globalization and American Culture (H) (or HIST 4113)	
AMST 3303	Nations on the Move: Latin American Migration and Latinx Communities in the US (DH) (or HIST 3303)	
AMST 3313	Science, Technology and American Culture (H)	
AMST 3373	Comparative Truth and Reconciliation in the Americas (D)	
AMST 3413	Science Fiction (H) (or ENGL 3413)	
AMST 3473	Race, Gender, and Ethnicity in American Film (D) (or ENGL 3473)	
AMST 3503	Television and American Society (DH) (or ENGL 3503)	
AMST 3513	Film And American Society (H)	
AMST 3550	The Arts and American Society	
AMST 3653	The Body in American Culture (DH) (or HIST 4193)	
AMST 3723	Cultural History of American Sports (DH)	
AMST 3803	War In American Culture (H)	
AMST 3813	Readings in the American Experience (DH) (or ENGL 3813)	
AMST 3823	U.S. as Business Culture (DH)	

AMST 3843	War and Memory in America (H) (or HIST 3843)	HIST 3463	Modern Latin America (GH)
AMST 3863	Disability in America (DH) (or HIST 3863)	HIST 3593	Introduction to Museum and Cultural Studies (H)
AMST 3950	Special Topics in American Studies (DH)	HIST 3610	Topics in United States History
AMST 3980	Inquiry in American Studies	HIST 3703	Oklahoma History (DH)
AMST 4553	Gender in America (DH)	HIST 3713	Women in the American West (DH)
AMST 4910	American Period Seminar	HIST 3793	Native American History (DH)
<i>Major electives</i>			
Select 15 hours of electives from the following options:		15	
AFAM 2223	Movements of the Black Diaspora (G)	HIST 3803	History of Food (H)
AFAM 2423	Black Popular Culture (DH)	HIST 3853	History of the North American Borderlands (DH)
AFAM 2523	Black Political Thought (DH)	HIST 3873	History of Health and Social Movements in the United States (H)
AFAM 3753	African American Arts and Culture (DH) (or AMST 3753)	HIST 4173	Black Intellectual History (DH)
AFAM 4453	Black Geographies & Memorialization in the Landscape (DH) (or GEOG 4453)	HIST 4363	US History through Popular and Unpopular Music (DH)
AFAM 4543	Race Theory	HIST 4463	American Cultural History to 1865 (H)
AMIS 2013	Introduction to American Indian Studies (D)	HIST 4483	American Cultural History Since 1865 (H)
ART 3663	History of American Art (DH)	HIST 4493	Frontier in American Memory (H)
ART 4763	Native American Art and Material Culture	HIST 4513	Economic History of the US (S)
ENGL 3133	Readings in Multi-Ethnic American Literature	HIST 4523	American Environmental History (H)
ENGL 3153	Readings in Literature by Women (DH)	HIST 4543	Vietnam War (GH)
ENGL 3183	Native American Literature (DH)	HIST 4563	Cold War (GH)
ENGL 3193	African-American Literature (DH)	HIST 4593	America in International Perspective (H)
ENGL 3453	History of American Film (H)	POLS 2313	Social Justice Politics (D)
ENGL 4093	Language in America (DS)	POLS 3973	Race, Politics and Sports (D)
ENGL 4230	Literature of Diversity	POLS 4223	Social Movements
GEOG 3703	Geography Of Oklahoma (S)	POLS 4333	Improving Democracy (S)
GEOG 3713	Exploring North America and Diversity (DS)	POLS 4573	Democratic Theory
GEOG 4223	Geography of Music (H)	REL 2113	Religion in Film (H)
GWST 2123	Introduction to Gender Studies (DH)	REL 2413	Religion and the Body: Sports, Medicine and Sexuality (H)
GWST 3513	Theorizing Sexualities (D)	REL 3413	The Bible and Contemporary Social Issues (H)
GWST 3553	LGBTQ Lives in the United States (D)	REL 3543	Religion, Race and Social Justice (DH)
GWST 3613	Race and Reproduction in the U.S. (D)	REL 3573	The Religions of Native Americans (DH)
GWST 3713	Gender and Representation (D)	REL 3643	Cults, Conspiracies, and Contemporary Religious Movements (H)
GWST 3813	Mothering	REL 4033	Religion in Early America (H)
GWST 3913	Gender, Violence & Justice (D)	SOC 3323	Collective Behavior and Social Movements
GWST 4113	Feminist Theories	SOC 3713	Religion, Culture and Society ((same as REL 3713))
GWST 4333	History of Sexuality in the United States (D) (or HIST 4333)	SOC 4043	Gender and Work (DS)
GWST 4503	Theorizing Men and Masculinities	SOC 4213	Sociology of Sexualities (S)
HIST 2043	Ghosts and Graveyards: History of Dark Tourism (H)	SOC 4453	Environmental Inequality (S)
HIST 2133	African Diaspora History(DH)	SOC 4643	Sociology of Gender (S)
HIST 2153	African American History, 1619-1865 (DH)	<i>Legal Emphasis</i>	
HIST 2163	African American History, 1865-Present (DH)	Select 12 hours (upper-division) from the following:	
HIST 2343	Religion in America (DH)	AGEC 3713	Agricultural Law
HIST 2413	From Assassin's Creed to Witcher: Medievalism in the 21st Century World (H)	AMIS 4013	American Indian Sovereignty (D) (Select 12 hours of electives from legal emphasis courses)
HIST 2713	Sympathy, Curiosity, and Rivalry: The U.S. and China Since 1900 (H)	AMST 3333	Crime, Law and American Culture (S)
HIST 3453	Colonial Latin America (H)	AMST 4103	The Death Penalty in America (S) (or HIST 4203 or SOC 4103)

GEOG 3133	Political Geography (GS)
HIST 3883	History of Drugs, Policy, and Culture in the United States (H)
PHIL 3003	Symbolic Logic (Q)
PHIL 3513	Social & Political Philosophy (H)
PHIL 3413	Ethical Theory (H)
PHIL 3513	Social & Political Philosophy (H)
PHIL 3843	Philosophy of Law (H)
POLS 3033	International Law
POLS 3963	State Courts and the Bar
POLS 3983	Courts and Judicial Process (S)
POLS 3993	Legal Research And Analysis
POLS 4353	Administrative Law
POLS 4363	Environmental Law And Policy
POLS 4593	Natural Resources and Environmental Policy
POLS 4963	U.S. Constitution: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
POLS 4973	U.S. Constitution: Separation of Powers
POLS 4980	Advanced Topics in Public Law
PSYC 4143	Psychology and Law
PSYC 4293	Forensic Psychology
SOC 3523	Juvenile Delinquency (DS)
SOC 4313	Sociology of Law
SOC 4333	Criminology (S)
SOC 4743	Criminalistics: Introduction to Forensic Sciences
SPCH 3733	Elements of Persuasion (S)
SPCH 4793	Nonverbal Communication (S)
Major Hours Subtotal	45
General Electives	22
May need to include 6 hours of a foreign language. See note 3.	
May need to include 6 hours upper-division general education outside AMST, American History and American Literature (see note 2.c.) and 1 additional upper-division hour.	
Recommend ECON 2103 and POLS 2023	
Total Hours	120

Other Requirements:

- See College of Arts and Sciences Requirements.
- **Upper-Division Credit:** Total hours must include at least 40 hours in courses numbered 3000 or above.

College of Arts and Sciences Requirements

1. **Hours in One Department:** For B.A. and B.S. degrees, no more than 54 hours in one department may be required to meet degree requirements. Courses used to satisfy the General Education English Composition, U.S. History, American Government, and Mathematics or Statistics requirements will not count toward the 54-hour maximum required from one department.
2. **A&S College/Departmental Requirements**
 - a. Arts and Humanities are defined as any course carrying an (H) designation or courses from AMST, ART, DANC, ENGL

(except ENGL 3323 Technical Writing) HIST, MUSI, PHIL (except PHIL 1313 Logic and Critical Thinking (Q), PHIL 3003 Symbolic Logic (Q) and PHIL 4003 Mathematical Logic and Computability), REL, TH, and foreign languages.

- b. Natural and Mathematical Sciences are defined as any course from the following prefixes: ASTR, BIOC, BIOL, CHEM, CS (except CS 4883 Social Issues in Computing), GEOL, MATH, MICR, PBIO, PHYS, and STAT; or courses from other departments that carry an (Q) or (N) general education designation.
 - c. Six upper-division hours are required from General Education or any CAS courses outside the student's major department (<https://catalog.okstate.edu/college-arts-sciences-major-departments/>). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
 - d. Non-Western Studies Requirement for B.A. and B.F.A.; One course in Non-Western Studies (N.W.). This requirement may be satisfied by courses also used to satisfy any part of a student's degree program (i.e., in General Education, College Departmental Requirements, Major Requirements or Electives).
 - e. The College of Arts & Sciences requires a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major requirements and a minimum 2.0 GPA in all major-prefix courses applied to the degree.
3. **Foreign Language Proficiency**
 - a. The foreign language requirement for the B.A. may be satisfied by 9 hours college credit in the same language, which must include 3 hours at the 2000-level, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement. Currently Arabic and Mvskoke are not offered at the 2000-level at OSU.
 - b. The foreign language requirement for the B.S., B.M. and B.F.A. may be satisfied by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language (passing grades at second-year level of study). It may also be satisfied by 6 hours college credit in the same language, which must include language courses 1713 and 1813, or equivalent proficiency (e.g., passing an advanced standing examination; TOEFL exam; presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates the high school was primarily conducted in a language other than English; etc.). Computer Science courses may not be used to satisfy this requirement.
 - c. In addition to a. and b., students pursuing teacher certification must meet novice-high foreign language proficiency by presenting a high school transcript which demonstrates two years of study of a single foreign language with no grade below B. Or, students may complete 3 hours college credit in a single language with no grade below C (or pass an advanced standing examination, College Level Examination Program (CLEP) exam, or Oral Proficiency Interview developed by the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, equivalent to 3 hours of college credit.) Or, students may meet the requirement by transfer of documentation of meeting the foreign language competency from one of the teacher education programs in the State of Oklahoma approved by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education.

4. **Exclusions.** Courses with ATHL or LEIS prefixes and leisure activity courses may not be used for degree credit.

Additional State/OSU Requirements

- At least: 60 hours at a four-year institution; 30 hours completed at OSU; 15 of the final 30 or 50% of the upper-division hours in the major field completed at OSU.
- Limit of: one-half of major course requirements as transfer work; one-fourth of hours earned by correspondence; 8 transfer correspondence hours.
- Students will be held responsible for degree requirements in effect at the time of matriculation and any changes that are made, so long as these changes do not result in semester credit hours being added or do not delay graduation.
- Degrees that follow this plan must be completed by the end of Summer 2032.